

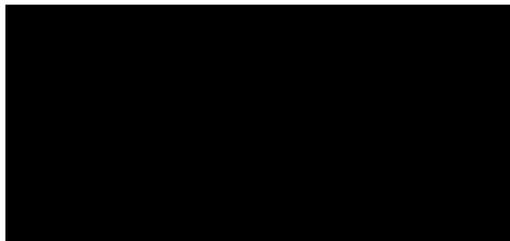
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MEMORANDUM FOR:



SUBJECT: Central Registry of Personality Files on  
Individuals of Intelligence and Security  
Interest

REFERENCE: (a) Memorandum to Chairman, IAC, from Assistant  
Chief of Staff, G-2, dated 20 July 1950  
(b) Memorandum from Director of Central Intel-  
ligence to Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2,  
dated 16 August 1950  
(c) Letter to Director of Central Intelligence  
from Special Assistant to the Secretary of  
State, Intelligence, dated 17 October 1950

ENCLOSURE: (A) Copy of reference (c)  
(B) Three (3) copies of form, "Questionnaire  
on Biographic Files"

1. In reference (a), the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, proposed that a survey of the field of personality files be instituted with a view to determining methods and procedures whereby current security checks can be centralized and the timely availability of lists and dossiers of individuals of intelligence and other military interest can be realized. The Director of Central Intelligence replied to the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, in reference (b), and under paragraph 6 thereof, stated that he would be glad to receive from the Intelligence Advisory Committee members specific statements of needs in the two spheres of foreign biographic intelligence, the positive and the counter-intelligence. The State Department responded with reference (c) to the effect that the survey proposed by the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, be initiated and that it be broadened to include other aspects of the problem. A copy of reference (c) is forwarded herewith for information.

2. Prerequisites to the consideration of any proposal for the improvement of the present practice of recording and filing biographic information in widely decentralized depositories is knowledge of the character, magnitude and location of holdings

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under the jurisdiction of such agencies as may participate in the centralization. Accordingly, it is requested that the enclosed questionnaire, intended to elicit the information pertinent to such a survey, be accomplished by each addressee with return to this Agency. It is further requested that all inquiries regarding the accomplishment of the questionnaire be addressed to:

Room 1001, M Building, Telephone: Code 143,  
extension 2124. 25X1A9a

3. When all accomplished questionnaires have been received in this Agency, it is planned to call a meeting of the representatives of the several agencies, having an immediate responsibility in connection with the maintenance of biographic information. It is requested that addressees arrange for the attendance of such personnel at that time.

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Intelligence Coordination

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